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D/I, USAF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DRAFT SE-16

Strength and Capabilities of Soviet Bloc Forces
to Conduct Military Operations Against NATO

1. Reference page 2, par 2.a: Change the second sentence to read as follows: "In the event of war various internal political tensions might become more acute, but, ~~short of armed invasion~~ they probably would not we are unable at this time to estimate to what extent these tensions would be a serious obstacle to Soviet ability to sustain a major war effort."

2. Reference page 8, par 8: Change to read as follows:
"In the event of war, various of the internal strains within the USSR and its Satellites might become more acute, but ~~short of armed invasion~~ they probably would not we are unable at this time to estimate to what extent these strains would constitute a serious obstacle to Soviet ability to sustain a major war effort. ~~Within the USSR, the Kremlin's central apparatus would probably be sufficient to keep in check any antipathy toward the regime and to nationalist sentiment of various minority peoples. The European Satellite regimes would be subjected to increased strains, but it believed that with the possible exception of Albania, no Satellite regime would be overthrown except by military conquest. Communist capabilities for espionage, sabotage, and subversion in Western Europe will vary in accordance with the success of local counter-~~ measures."

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3. Reference page 11, par 11: Change the second sentence to read as follows: "~~The supply of high octane aviation gasoline might limit sustained large-scale strategic air operations in 1952; There~~ may be some question with respect to the availability of some types of high octane aviation gasoline in 1952; however, in 1953 and 1954 increased production facilities and the increased use of jet aircraft would ~~reduce~~ probably eliminate any such deficiency."

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